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ENGLAND NOT UNWILLING

No Word From Pekin of a Refusal to Sign the Protocol.

The Question of Duties on Imports to Be Left to a Commercial Board—A Delay Caused by the Attempt to Keep War Supplies From China.

Acting Secretary Adams yesterday said that the State Department had not been advised of the refusal of Great Britain to sign the settlement protocol when it is ready to be submitted to China by the Powers. The last reports from Mr. Rockhill on this subject indicated that everything was prepared for the signature of the Powers.

He has advised the department, however, that it was decided to leave to an international board the question whether or not the duties to be imposed upon Chinese imports should be specific or ad valorem. It was held that this was a subject which should be handled by a special board of commercial men, and the settlement protocol makes no mention of the character of the duties to be imposed, for the purpose of securing revenues to meet the indemnity claims.

Another question which has caused some delay, according to Mr. Rockhill's advice, relates to the prohibition to be placed upon the importation into China of arms and ammunition and military stores. It was generally agreed that such articles should be shut out for a period of two years, just how they should be prevented from landing was a matter of detail, which caused some discussion.

It was suggested that one way would be for the Powers themselves to prohibit the exportation of such supplies to China and that another way was to have the officials of foreign Powers occupying Chinese ports advise the British whenever an effort was made to bring them into the country. There was some discussion over this point and finally China asked that any arms which might be taken through the ports occupied by foreigners.

The authority of Chinese officials to do this was disputed by some of the representatives, and so far the question has not yet been settled.

It was also left to the determination of the same international board which will decide the question of duties.

ROBBING THE SUMMER PALACE.

The Italians Said to Be Taking All the Movable.

PEKIN, Aug. 7.—The British are anxious for the departure of the Italians from the Summer Palace in order to restore it to the Chinese. Their departure, however, has been delayed by the non-arrival of a transport.

The conduct of the Italians since their proposal to the British a year ago that they jointly occupy the Summer Palace, retirement of the Russians, for the purpose of preserving it, has been most reprehensible. Both commanders gave strict orders to preserve the palace, but the Italians have continually committed depredations. They burned the Chinese temple which was the finest structure in North China, and are now taking away all the movable and are dismantling and removing the famous bronze pagoda prior to their evacuation.

The British action is intact and is vigilantly guarded.

TO RULE OVER CHILI.

The Friendly Governor of Shantung to Be Transferred.

PEKIN, Aug. 7.—It is reported that Yuan-shih-kai, the Governor of Shantung, who has been regarded as friendly to foreigners, is to be transferred to the province of Chihli. This change is desired by Li Hung Chang, the present Viceroy, as Li is anxious to supervise the affairs of the province, and Yuan-shih-kai's troops are needed to restore order.

Yuan-shih-kai's transfer, however, would be detrimental to the interests of Shantung, as his removal, with his troops, would probably cause a renewal of the disturbances in that province which another official would find it difficult to restrain.

The Canadian missionaries are making plans to return to northern Honan within two weeks. This is near the line of the Court's return. The missionaries have received promises from the Chinese that a guard will be sent with them for their protection.

The officials are apparently anxious that the missionaries shall return. The Governor of Shantung has requested the women missionaries to return to that province. He has also taken necessary measures for their protection.

Judging by these incidents, it is thought probable that the Chinese will also create the impression that order has been restored and that dispatches will be sent out by the officials to the effect that further foreign interference is needless.

DANGER FROM AMERICA.

England Fears the Loss of Her French Coal Trade.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—A British consular report on the coal trade in Marseilles says that the most vital question for the United Kingdom for the moment is the determined attempt of the United States to monopolize the coal imports.

It is said that the share of trade in the future in Marseilles and the south of France will be with the United States, largely at the expense of the United Kingdom, unless British traders wake up to the danger, meet it by diligent investigation and fight it by combination. A great coal combination is contemplated. With it, American coal will surely come to the French market, although it will be unable to oust British coal. It will simply be a question of freight and quality, both of which are against the United States, but the proposed combination looks dangerous.

The consular report, giving some details of the combination's scheme, says that as soon as the United States subsidizes shipping the combination will build a fleet of vessels and construct huge depots at Marseilles, Genoa, and Salonica, facilitating the work at those places with laboring machinery. The vessels will also trade with Manila, taking whatever freight is available when they have no coal to carry. They will also carry passengers.

The combination will manufacture briquettes at its Mediterranean depots, utilizing its machinery with electricity produced from water power. These briquettes are made by mixing petroleum and refuse coal, and the product is little inferior to coal to carry. They will also carry passengers.

Three Americans Decorated.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—The following Americans have been promoted to the Legion of Honor: Julia Stewart, artist, to be an officer; Arthur E. Valois, lawyer, and Lewis S. Ware, to be chevaliers.

EDWARD VII CLOSELY GUARDED.

Scotland Yard Detectives Fear Attempts on the King's Life.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The remarkable series of postponements and alterations in King Edward's journey to his sister's funeral has already aroused considerable conjecture in England. None of the customary channels for chronicle the King's movements was taken into confidence by the officers of his household when they came to their own conclusions yesterday from news to Marlborough House.

Indeed, the King has not sought any publicity like his present avoidance of publicity since the time of his mother's death. It is not due to his own wish that the present unprecedented proceedings are adopted, but only to the urgent insistence of the political section of Scotland Yard in warning the detectives responsible for his Majesty's safety.

These detectives have now been increased to nearly double the number who attended Queen Victoria. Their chiefs have been warned for some months to expect a revival of Anarchist activity during the coming winter, and organization against the emergency is now being effected.

These new and more extended arrangements, especially with the Continental police, have not been tested since King Edward was visiting his sister in February. It is the present desire to have time to secure the closest control of the tour of the Duke of Cornwall and York because of the death of the Empress Frederick.

According to present arrangements King Edward, Queen Alexandra, and the Duke of York will leave London on Friday, and will arrive there on Sunday. They will use the new royal yacht Victoria and Albert.

NOT TO SHORTEN THE TOUR.

King Edward's Instructions to the Duke of York.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—King Edward has ordered that there be no curtailment of the tour of the Duke of Cornwall and York because of the death of the Empress Frederick.

NO MOURNING AT CAPE TOWN.

Death of Empress Frederick Does Not Stop the Festivities.

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 7.—Notwithstanding the questions that have been raised as to what effect the death of Empress Frederick will have upon the celebration in honor of the Duke of Cornwall and York, the preparations for the reception of the royal party are continued with undiminished vigor.

SYMPATHY FOR KING EDWARD.

The President Condoles With Him on His Sister's Death.

The President has sent through the State Department the following message of sympathy to King Edward VII on the death of his Majesty's sister, the Empress Frederick:

"His Majesty, Edward VII, London: I tender to your Majesty sincere condolences by reason of the death of your beloved sister, Her Majesty, the Dowager Empress Frederick of Germany."

TIME-SAVING IN PARLIAMENT.

A Plan Adopted to Lessen the Number of Divisions.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Arthur Balfour, the Government leader, with the view to saving time, proposed a resolution in the House of Commons today that the votes regulating supply should be divided into classes and that division should be applicable to each class instead of to each vote as hitherto.

He said that the House had 199 votes to take, which would occupy twenty hours in marching through the divisions. Three weeks of parliamentary time had been spent in this manner this year in 40 divisions.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 265 to 114.

A VICTORY FOR DE RODAYS.

The Tribunal of Commerce Declares His Dismissal Null.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—The tribunal of commerce today rendered a decision declaring null and void the action taken at a meeting of the "Figaro's" stockholders, dismissing MM. Percheron and De Rodays, the manager and editor, respectively, of that paper.

M. Prestat, the leader of the opposition to the present management of the paper, will appeal from the judgment.

FOLLOWING UP THE BOERS.

British Troops Harass Them in the Dordrecht District.

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 7.—Small parties of Boers are hovering about the Dordrecht district. The British troops are harassing them.

Seven farmers have been placed in jail at Dordrecht on the charge of assisting the invaders.

AN INDIAN POST LOOTED.

Report of an Uprising of Two Hundred Mahads.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—A dispatch from Simla, India, says 200 Mahads surprised a British military post at Simla on Tuesday, killing a native officer and six soldiers. The commanding officer and three men were wounded.

KILLED BY HIS MOTOR CAR.

The Driver Placed Under the Machine and Burned to Death.

STEEL MILLS STARTING UP.

Manufacturers Aroused to Activity by Shaffer's Strike Order.

The President of the Amalgamated Association Declares That Little Actual Work Can Be Done—Many Negroes at the Affected Plants.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 7.—As they had only waited for the Amalgamated Association to make a move before making any serious effort to break the present strike against the steel, steel, hoop, and tube combines, the manufacturers today began the work of starting up the mills. Several rolls in the Clarke Hoop Mill were in operation, preparations were made to resume work at the Lindsey-McCutcheon plant in Allegheny today, and two more non-union men arrived at the Westvale, Ohio, works. President Shaffer is not dismayed, and says surprises are in store for the Steel Trust. He predicted that the obedience to his strike circular sent out yesterday would be far more general than the manufacturers or the public supposed.

By a piece of strategy at the Clarke Hoop Mill, in Thirty-fifth Street, today, Lewis T. Brown, general superintendent, started the number three and two-inch mill with two full crews. Not until the smoke was seen coming from the stacks, shortly after daylight, did the strikers realize that the plant was in operation.

When the report spread that the mill had started, many of the strikers flocked to the entrance and stood around. For a while they thought the entire plant had been started, but it was soon learned that only two of the mills had been put into operation.

It was Brown's intention to start the ninth mill at the same time, but the hotbed had not been finished and the crew which had reported for work was sent home with orders to report at the mill tomorrow. The ninth mill will be in operation tomorrow. Many white men and negroes called at the mill entrance asking for work. They were sent to the office and nearly all of them were charged.

"There is no lack of men," said Mr. Thompson, the manager, "and we are engaging none but the most skilled."

The strikers are keeping away from the mill. Several men, however, are on duty. Detectives are keeping a look-out for any signs of disorder.

Circulars were distributed today in the Lawrenceville district by members of the local league calling for an open meeting at the Lodge No. 28, on Friday.

The meeting will be held in Lafayette Hall tomorrow evening.

Twenty men, some of them non-union and some of them strikers, have been in the work in the Lindsey-McCutcheon mill in Allegheny. At 5 a. m. tomorrow the finishing mill in that works will be started up with a crew, and the management says that when the evening turn goes on more than one mill will be in operation. Two crews will start to work in the Painter mill tomorrow. The Painter, Clarke, and Lindsey-McCutcheon mills are three hoop mills that had been non-union in the Amalgamated Association column when Shaffer called for a strike.

A. M. Brown, the city recorder, announced today that he would put on additional policemen if it should be found necessary to maintain order. City police-men and detectives are already on guard at the Painter and Clarke mills. The Amalgamated Association explains the starting of the Clarke Mill by saying that it is a sort of a showing of force, and that the other strike-breakers were negroes. Many negroes are working in the Clarke, Painter, and Lindsey-McCutcheon mills.

Plans for starting the closed plate mills have not been completed. In this branch the situation is different. The tin plate company has only six of their 232 roll trains going, while the sheet company have a few less than half.

At McKeesport, Pa., Shaffer said that he himself would lead the men from Vandergrift into the Wood Mill. He says that if he can get the Vandergrift men away from their environments there will be little trouble in bringing them into the association. Discussion of the move this morning, Secretary Tighe said:

"That effort will not extend very far because there are only a few skilled men available and before enough can be trained to operate mills, snow will be pretty thick. A sort of a showing of force for a time, but it will not last long."

Shaffer has been consulting all day with J. W. Pryor, the secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, and with the secretary of the employees of the American Bridge Company, one of the constituent companies of the United States Steel Corporation. The Amalgamated Association has no lodges in the bridge company's mills. Shaffer's strike order was not denied against the bridge company, but he has hopes that he can induce the bridge and structural workers to join the strike.

WHEELING, W. Va., Aug. 7.—The Amalgamated Association this afternoon announced that it would on Monday close the big Riverside Tube and Steel Mills of the National Tube Company. This came as a surprise, for never before did the association close a mill in this State. The management does not think the association is strong enough to close the mills.

Every effort to keep them going will undoubtedly be made, owing to the fact that the mills are surrounded by a suburb and are entirely of iron and steel workers.

This afternoon telegrams were received from Pittsburgh that non-union men were on duty today. At Benwood every train is being watched.

The strike affects over 10,000 men in this district.

ORDERED FROM M'KEESPORT.

A Union Agitator Taken in Hand by the Mayor.

M'KEESPORT, Pa., Aug. 7.—Mayor R. J. Black this morning ordered Timothy O'Toole, an Amalgamated Association man, to leave the city within three days, or go to the workhouse. O'Toole fled from the city.

O'Toole was formerly a resident of this city, but now lives in Allegheny, where he is employed as a painter. He is an agitator, and on several occasions has caused trouble in this city. Several days ago he came to McKeesport and Mayor Black learned of his arrival. The police were ordered to take him in charge and he was arrested this morning and arraigned before the mayor. That official ordered him out of the city, saying that he was a trouble-maker.

Seashore Week-End Trips. 8c

Beginning July 5, all trains Fridays and Saturdays, going to the beach, leaving Tuesday, and returning Friday, will stop at Atlantic City, Cape May, Sea Isle City, and Ocean City; 8c for the round trip.

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